

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multipurpose remote office machine management system for use with photocopy machines, fax machines, document scanners and printers, for example, provides stand alone, remote or cabled monitoring and control of selected office machines at predetermined times and dates via multiple modes of communication, including, but not limited to shared or dedicated telephone lines as well as radio frequency communication. The system monitors and reports designated information to an operator, including for example, number of copies produced, number of attempts by unauthorized individuals to access the office machine, number of primary and secondary copies produced, number of black and white and color copies produced, number of paper jams, and alarm signals. The management system is programmed locally or via a central management unit or host computer to control operational modes for the selected office machine(s) including machine access.